

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2827
Examiner: Luan C. THAI

In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant(s): Makoto TERUI, et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS
WITH DECOUPLING CAPACITOR

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**RESPONSE TO
ELECTION OF SPECIES
REQUIREMENT**

June 4, 2002

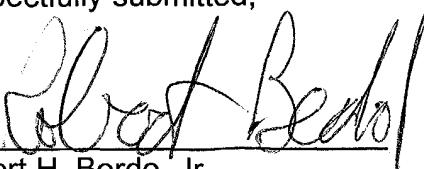
Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Election Requirement dated May 6, 2002, Applicant elects the embodiment of Species 19, as shown in Figures 40 and 41A through 41B, for examination. Claims 46~48 read on the elected species. The election is made without traverse. By making this election and selecting these claims for examination, however, Applicant does not restrict the scope of the listed claims to only the features of the exemplary embodiment shown in Figs. 40 and 41A through 41B. Rather, these claims may also read, for example, on other exemplary embodiments described in the specification, and should be afforded the broadest scope allowed by the relevant prior art.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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